

The Country Under the Thumb.

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to the syndicate an exorbitant rate, merely to save themselves the trouble of sending the metal. By shipping the gold they save at the very least \$1,000, and in all probability twice that, so it is any wonder that they prefer to take the trouble of sending the metal?

So far the shipments abroad have amounted to \$1,650,000, not counting the \$175,000 which has gone to Canada. This is for one week—the beginning only. Who can tell how much more will go?

AMOUNTS TO THE SAME THING. While the syndicate did not expressly stipulate in its contract with the government that it would prevent exports of gold until October, it promised to protect the treasury reserve, and the reserve can only be depleted by the exports of gold. So it seems to amount to about the same thing.

There can be doubt in any one's mind that the influence of the syndicate has alone prevented shipments under the profitable rates. It seemed that houses positively did not dare to ship gold for fear of the consequences. But people knew that the syndicate must come some time; that these unnatural conditions could not continue, and yet when the firm of Nesslage, Colgate & Co. shipped its first installment of \$250,000 last week, every one was surprised at its timeliness. It was soon almost ridiculous that such was the case, but it is impossible to comprehend the fear in Wall street without mixing freely with the men there. Some of them admit that the reason given above why gold has not gone abroad before is the only one so far as they can see.

COMES OUT OF THE TREASURY. When therefore, it was seen that Nesslage, Colgate & Co. still survived and were making arrangements to send off more of the precious metal, it was soon whispered that other shipments would follow.

Crossman's shipment is much more important than the others, because this \$1,000,000 comes directly out of the treasury, while the Nesslage, Colgate & Co. shipment is a loan from the government. For they simply exchanged their bars for coin. The only way now in which the syndicate can stop these shipments is by lowering the rates of exchange. At present its members are selling their bills on their credit abroad, and are relying on the cotton and grain bills—in payment for our exports of these staples, which will soon begin—to fill the big hole they have made in their accounts with the European countries.

When these cotton and grain bills come in the bottom should fall out of exchange and the bankers will then reap the profits from the remitters across the sea, and will also take it out of the pockets of our farmers, as the lower the rates of exchange are, the less money the American farmer gets for his wheat. So now, while our imports are large, the exporters have to pay tribute to the syndicate and in a short time, when the exports of cotton and grain begin in large volume, the exporters, or farmers, will probably have to pay tribute.

OWING TO THE ADMINISTRATION. With the fear of gold exports hanging over their heads outside traders are timid and sell out their holdings, and the bears gather in the profits. This is the reason why the public recently has kept away from the market and why speculation has become almost wholly professional.

To sum up: Here is what we owe to the Democratic administration for this one egregious blunder. If it were nothing else. A gift of \$10,000,000 outright to a foreign syndicate; an option on all bond issues until October, which practically put the government in pawn; the opportunity to "milk" the entire import trade of this country, which last year amounted to about \$732,000,000, and to tax the farmer for every bushel of grain he sells, and in fact, the placing in the hands of these bankers the entire resources of the United States of America. A fine, a most creditable condition of affairs, truly, for which the whole country sends up a song of thanksgiving from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to Mexico, that Grover Cleveland, the only wise and truly great statesman of the nineteenth century, still lives in Buzzard's Bay, and still reigns over us!

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THE OMAHA PLATFORM is a broad protest against the monopolies and other evils which have sprung up and been fostered under the rule of the Democratic and Republican parties. They have deserted the principles of Jefferson and Lincoln; the People's Party stands for the principles of industrial progress and human liberty. No old party trust has resulted in so much disaster to every branch of our varied industries and in as much wrong and misery to our people as the deliberate and persistent legislation on the financial question. There is a right and a wrong principle under this great question—the two principles are as different as light and darkness. On one side of this question today the Democratic and Republican parties stand together, side by side, backed by the Rothschilds, the bankers, the contractors and the gold trusts; on the other side stands the People's Party, single-handed, but backed by every patriot who has realized the real danger that confronts us, and who realizes that this is the paramount issue, on the correct solution of which depends not only our industrial reform, but the civilization and Christianity of a great nation.

We fully realize that not all the social, political and industrial ills that affect the people can be cured by a proper financial system, but the neglect of the financial issue, is so portentous and the enemy is so firmly entrenched behind the legislative, judicial and executive departments of our government that we invite the assistance of all those who favor "more money and less misrule" whether they fully agree with us on the other issues or not. Therefore, we, the People's Party of the State of Kentucky, in convention assembled, through belief and reaffirm the three great cardinal principles of the Omaha platform—Finance, Land and Transportation—ask for the suffrage and co-operation of every voter in the State and welcome to our ranks all who believe with us in the following demands:

NATIONAL PLATFORM. First. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver on equal terms with gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without asking the permission of Great Britain or any other foreign nation.

Second. In order to secure and maintain a safe, sound and flexible currency, we demand that the government shall issue and all banks of issue be abolished, and in addition to the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, that the national government proceed to issue national Treasury notes, all of which shall be legal tender for all debts, both public and private, and in quantity sufficient to restore the general range of prices and property that existed before the demonetization of silver in 1873, and to increase in quantity year after year with the increase in population and business so as to maintain equity between debtor and creditor, to facilitate the development of our great national resources and contribute to the general prosperity of our people.

Third. We are unalterably opposed to increasing our already great burden or national debt by the unnecessary issue of interest-bearing bonds in times of peace, and we demand that the present action of the Democratic administration at Washington, not only for selling our national credit at a price below its market value, but especially for surrendering to the Rothschilds and gold trusts the right to issue Treasury notes for six months by a secret contract, the infamy of which is without parallel in our history.

Fourth.—The National Government has the right and should exercise it to use its credit in the sale of its bonds, and to use with which it will pay any debt or obligation, and that it should always give preference to the money that is below us in order to appreciate it and maintain a parity among all of its legal tender money.

Fifth.—We demand that Congress make it unlawful for any note, bond, mortgage or other obligation to stipulate for payment in gold only, or in any other particular kind of legal tender money of the United States.

Sixth.—Ours is the only political party that has ever had the honesty and patriotism to demand the repeal of the national platform of the Democratic Party, the Supreme Court of the United States, in its recent decision, has declared that our constitution does not allow this just and equitable law. In the language of Justice Harlan: "The practical effect of the decision is to allow this just and equitable law to be a position of favoritism and advantage that is inconsistent with the principles of our social organization, and to invest them with power and influence that is perilous to that portion of the people upon whom rests the larger part of the burdens of the government, and who ought not to be subjected to the domination of aggregated wealth any more than the property of the country should be at the mercy of the lawless."

Therefore, we demand an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide for a graduated income tax.

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HOW THE GOLD MEN CAN WIN AND HOW THEY CAN BE DEFEATED.

[By request this editorial which appeared Aug. 1st, will be kept in a few issues of the paper.]

Any man who has watched the current of events for the past few years knows that the next National conventions of the two old parties will not declare for the free coinage of silver. Each one of them may write a straddling platform and nominate a half-way silver man for Vice-President, but everybody will know what that means. The machinery of both old parties is not only dead in league with and controlled by the gold men. Therefore every man who stays in either of these old parties will simply be helping and strengthening the gold men. Then how can any man who is not in favor of a single gold standard stay in either of these gold parties? Do you want the gold men to win? No. Therefore you will not vote the gold ticket. Will you sit down and do nothing while the enemies of prosperity commit their crime? No. Therefore you will fight the gold men with all your power. Yes, you will fight them and vote against them. You will work and vote for a platform and a candidate for President who is square on the financial question.

There is but one way that the gold men can win. That is for the patriots in the Republican party who are opposed to the gold men to stay in that party, and for the patriots in the Democratic party who are opposed to the gold men to stay in that party. Then the gold men would put up two gold bugs for President and the patriots would help elect one of them with their votes. If the People's Party should divide and each Populist should go back to his old party, the result would be the same.

There is but one way that the gold men can be beaten. That is for the patriots of the two old parties to come together. Then all the patriots would be in one party while the gold men would be divided into two gold parties with two gold candidates.

Patriots, the path of duty and the road to victory is plain. The battle must be fought—the hour has struck—the opportunity is here—will you seize it? Think of the direction in which this country is now drifting and what the end will be! Let us show that we are worthy sons of our ancestors. The British are again on our shores and the Tories are going to their assistance.

Sons of Liberty, let us act—let us get under one banner—the banner of American freedom and American prosperity. Let us drive the enemy from our shores and plant that banner once more upon the dome of the nation's capital.

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out of the tolling people to the amount of \$99,934,906.02, and are now collecting \$1,938,705.36, interest accrued and not paid, instead of collecting it from the railroads; and in 1891 there were imported, through 171,015,370 worth of farm products, while products of the same class rotted on western farms on account of the high freight charges on these roads.

THE PEOPLE HAVE PAID for the building of the roads, and paid one and a half times the amount; and still owe the \$64,000,000, while this great Democratic party, soaked in beer and whiskey, is struggling to place the country upon a single gold standard money basis, so that Grover Cleveland, John Sherman and John G. Carlisle may have another chance to make a contract, through 31 Cleveland's law partner, for the sale of gold bonds that they may pocket another \$12,000,000.

Populism denounces all this and demands that it cease, and that these cut-throats plunder the people no longer. Whereupon the Charlotte Observer declares that "Populism should be stoned as leprosy," and the little, big man at "Fayette" says all this devilry is "better than Populism."

These Democratic leaders, who these political teachers are trying to defend before the people, entered into a conspiracy with such men as Whitelaw Reid, John Sherman, Dan. Voorhees, Gorman and Lodge; passed an act of Congress June 25, 1878, which allowed the lumber trust to steal all the timber in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Arizona, and under its terms, the settler on the public domain, pays tribute to that trust, in which, like the sugar trust, some of these scoundrels are stockholders. And

WHAT IS STILL WORSE, if anything could be worse, they gave two-thirds of all the coal lands in the west to the railroads, by which these roads now claim the mineral lands of Montana, Idaho and Washington. These political free-booters are largely interested in these roads, the controlling interest of which is owned by the Morgan-Vanderbilt families. They have extended Mexican grants in the great State of California by false surveys, to enable these politicians to secure farm lands of 200,000 acres each, and refuse to right this wrong; but they still continue to levy tribute upon productive labor to swell campaign funds, and purchase votes, and call upon the grand mogul to furnish an army of thugs to shoot starving working men. And while pretending to exclude the leproch Chinsamen, they legislated in the interest of the six companies engaged in importing them, took the public treasury to accommodate the few and the few bankers, passed a tariff bill that DISCRIMINATES AGAINST THE FARMER and laborer, and which caused a deficit of \$70,000,000 in revenue receipts in order to furnish a pretext for issuing gold bonds. They have passed an anti-trust law that protects monopoly and trust, and reaches importers only; and while pretending to favor an income tax law; they assisted in having it declared unconstitutional. While pretending to serve the people as representatives, they absented themselves from their posts of duty in order to

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